

REMARKS

Claims 1-3 and 5-16 were pending. Claims 9-16 were withdrawn from consideration by the Examiner pursuant to a previous restriction requirement. The Examiner rejected claims 1-3, 5, 7 and 8 and objected to claim 6. By way of this amendment, claim 6 has been canceled and new claim 17 has been added. Care has been exercised to avoid the introduction of new matter. Adequate support for the amendment is found in the originally filed claims, and in the specification at page 15, lines 12-16. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to enter the amendment.

Initially, Applicant notes that in the previous after-final amendment submitted on September 3, 2003, claim 6 was had been rewritten in independent form to include the limitations of base claim 1, since Examiner indicated that dependent claim 6 would be allowable if rewritten to include all of the limitations of the base claim. However, by way of this supplemental after-final amendment, claim 6 has been canceled and new dependent claim 17 has been added. New claim 17 is identical to original claim 6, but for the inclusion of the term "grounding" at line 3, in order to provide proper antecedent basis.

Further, Applicant notes that the amendment format of this supplemental after-final amendment (in accordance with the revised amendment practice under 37 CFR 1.121) is being submitted with the assumption that the previous after-final amendment was entered. Thus, the previous after-final amendments to claims 1, 2, 3, 5, 7 and 8 have been listed herein with the status identifier "Previously Presented".

In light of the amendments and remarks above and the previous amendments and remarks submitted on September 3, 2003, the application should be considered in condition

for allowance and the case passed to issue. If there are any questions regarding this amendment or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated to expedite the prosecution of the application.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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